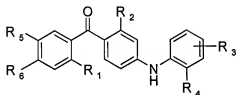


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1.-48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently amended) A compound of general formula I



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wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, trifluoromethyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub> alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, -CONH<sub>2</sub> or nitro;

R<sub>2</sub> is halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, trifluoromethyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, phenyl or nitro;

R<sub>3</sub> represents fluoro;

R<sub>4</sub> is fluoro;

wherein R<sub>3</sub> is in the meta position with respect to R<sub>4</sub> and para with respect to -NH;

R<sub>a</sub>, R<sub>b</sub> and R<sub>c</sub> are the same or different, each representing hydrogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl or aryl, each of C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl or aryl being optionally substituted by one or more, same or different substituents represented by R<sub>7</sub>;

R<sub>7</sub> is halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, trifluoromethyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>hydroxyalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, C<sub>1-9</sub>trialkylammonium in association with an anion, cyano, azido, nitro, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>a</sub>R<sub>b</sub>, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>R, -COOH, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)R', -CONHR' or -CONRR', wherein R and R' are same or different, each representing hydrogen or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl;

one of R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> is -COOH, -C(O)NHOH, -C(O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl-C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl or C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl, each of which being optionally substituted by one or more, same or different substituents represented by R<sub>7</sub>, and the other is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, mercapto, trifluoromethyl, amino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylthio, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, -CONH<sub>2</sub> or nitro,

with the proviso that when R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>6</sub> is phenyl, C<sub>1-5</sub>alkyl or C<sub>2-3</sub>alkenyl, said R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>6</sub> is substituted by one or more, same or different substituents represented by R<sub>7</sub> (except three fluorine when R<sub>5</sub> or R<sub>6</sub> is methyl),

Y<sub>2</sub> is -O-, -S-, -S(O)-, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -NR<sub>a</sub>-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)NR<sub>b</sub>-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>O-, -C(O)-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)O-, -NR<sub>a</sub>S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -OC(O)-, -C(O)O-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>NR<sub>b</sub>C(S)NR<sub>c</sub>-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>NR<sub>b</sub>-, or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>a</sub>-;

R<sub>9</sub> is C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl-C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>3-12</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-10</sub>alkyl, or C<sub>1-12</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-</sub>

$R_{10}$ alkyl,  $C_{3-6}$ carbocyclyl- $C_{1-6}$ alkenyl,  $C_{3-6}$ carbocyclyl- $C_{2-6}$ alkynyl, each being optionally substituted by one or more, same or different substituents represented by  $R_7$ ,

with the proviso that when  $Y_2$  is  $-O-$ ,  $-NR_a-$ ,  $-S-$  or  $-C(O)O-$ , and  $R_9$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, said  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl is substituted by one or more, same or different substituents represented by  $R_7$ ;

$Y_3$  is  $-O-$ ,  $-S-$ ,  $-S(O)-$ ,  $-S(O)_2-$ ,  $-NR_a-$ ,  $-NR_aC(O)NR_b-$ ,  $-NR_aC(O)-$ ,  $-C(O)NR_a-$ ,  $-C(O)NR_aO-$ ,  $-C(O)-$ ,  $-NR_aC(O)O-$ ,  $-NR_aS(O)_2-$ ,  $-OC(O)-$  or  $-C(O)O-$ ;

$R_{10}$  is  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl- $C_{1-12}$ heterocyclyl,  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl- $C_{3-12}$ carbocyclyl,  $C_{1-10}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkenyl,  $C_{2-10}$ alkynyl,  $C_{3-12}$ carbocyclyl or  $C_{1-12}$ heterocyclyl, each being optionally substituted by one or more, same or different substituents represented by  $R_7$ ;

or, when one of  $R_5$  or  $R_6$  is the group  $-C(O)NR_aR_9$ ,  $R_a$  and  $R_9$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a  $C_{1-12}$ heterocyclic ring optionally comprising one or more additional heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S and N, optionally substituted with one or more substituents represented by  $R_7$ ;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ~~solvate~~, or ester thereof.

50. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein  $R_1$  is methyl, ethyl, trifluoromethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, nitro, bromo, fluoro or chloro; wherein  $R_2$  is methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, amino, nitro, bromo, fluoro or chloro; and wherein  $R_3$  is fluoro.

51.-62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein  $R_7$  is halogen, hydroxy, amino,  $-S(O)_2CH_3$ , trifluoromethyl, cyano,  $C_{1-4}$ hydroxyalkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$ alkylthio,

C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxycarbonyl, -COOH, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, azido, -CONHR' or -CONRR', wherein R and R' are as indicated in claim 49.

64. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein R<sub>7</sub> is methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, hydroxy, methoxycarbonyl, ethoxycarbonyl, dimethylamino, ethylamino, amino, -COOH, fluoro, chloro, bromo, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, azido, methylthio, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>, trifluoromethyl, cyano or hydroxymethyl.

65. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein one of R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> is Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkenyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl substituted by R<sub>7</sub>, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl, -COOH, -C(O)NHOH, or C(O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>, and the other is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy; wherein R<sub>9</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub> heterocyclyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl or C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl; and wherein R<sub>10</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl.

66. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein R<sub>5</sub> is Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>-C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkenyl-Y<sub>3</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>-alkyl-Y<sub>2</sub>R<sub>9</sub>, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl-C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl substituted by R<sub>7</sub>, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>heterocyclyl, -COOH, -C(O)NHOH, or C(O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy; wherein R<sub>9</sub> is C<sub>1-4</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl-C<sub>1-5</sub>heterocyclyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl-C<sub>6</sub>carbocyclyl, C<sub>3</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>1</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>3</sub>alkenyl or C<sub>6</sub>carbocyclyl-C<sub>2</sub>alkynyl; and wherein R<sub>10</sub> is methyl, ethyl, methacryl, tert-butyl, tetrahydropyranyl or ethenyl.

67. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein one of  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  is  $Y_2R_9$ ,  $Y_2R_9Y_3R_{10}$ , phenyl, methylphenyl, methyl, propenyl, methyl- $Y_2R_9$ , tetrazole, ethynyl, triazole, thiadiazole, dihydrooxazole, -COOH, -C(O)NHOH, or C(O)NHNH<sub>2</sub>, and the other is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl or methoxy; wherein  $R_9$  is morpholinyl, propylmorpholinyl, piperazinyl, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, n-butyl, *tert*-butyl, isobutyl, hexyl, isopropyl, dimethylpropyl, methyltetrahydrofuranlyl, methylpyridinyl, ethylpiperazinyl, cyclohexyl, propyloxopyrrolidinyl, benzyl, methylcyclohexyl, propylphenyl, ethylmorpholinyl, allyl, ethylfuranlyl, phenyl, methylidioxoimidazolidinyl, dioxohexahydropyrimidinyl, thiazolyl, methylphenyl, ethylphenyl, methylidioxolanyl, methylthiazolyl, propenylphenyl, methylfuranlyl, thiophenyl, tetrahydropyranlyl or ethynylphenyl; and wherein  $R_{10}$  is methyl, ethyl, methacryl, *tert*-butyl, tetrahydropyranlyl or ethenyl.

68. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein  $R_6$  is hydrogen.

69. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein  $R_5$  is hydrogen.

70. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein  $Y_2$  is -O-, -NR<sub>a</sub>-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)NR<sub>b</sub>-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>O-, -C(O)-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)O-, -NR<sub>a</sub>S(O)<sub>2</sub>-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>NR<sub>b</sub>- or -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>a</sub>-.

71. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein  $Y_3$  is -O-, -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)-, -C(O)NR<sub>a</sub>-, -C(O)-, -C(O)O- or -NR<sub>a</sub>C(O)O-.

72.-76. (Cancelled)

77. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein said heterocycle or heterocyclyl contains one or two oxygen atoms or one sulphur atom, and/or up to two nitrogen atoms, or three or four nitrogen atoms, wherein optionally one or two CH<sub>2</sub> ring fragments is/are replaced by one or two -C(O)- fragments respectively.

78. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein Ra, Rb, or Rc independently represent hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, 2-hydroxyethyl or 2-methoxyethyl.

79. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 49, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, bromo, fluoro or chloro; and R<sub>2</sub> is methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, nitro, bromo, fluoro or chloro.

80. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 49 selected from the group consisting of:

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluorophenylamino)benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)-4-methylbenzamide (Compound 115),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-4-methoxy-benzamide (compound 140),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2,2-difluoro-ethyl)-4-methoxy-benzamide (compound 141),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-fluoro-ethyl)-4-methoxy-benzamide (compound 142),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2,3-dihydroxy-propyl)-4-methoxy-benzamide (compound 143),

*N*-Carbamoylmethyl-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methoxy-benzamide (compound 144),

*N*-Carbamoylmethyl-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (Compound 145),

*N*-Benzyl-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 146),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-fluoro-ethyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 147),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-*N*-(2,2,2-trifluoro-ethyl)-benzamide (compound 148),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-ethyl-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 149),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-cyclohexylmethyl-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 150),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxy-propyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 151),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2,3-dihydroxy-propyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 152),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(1-hydroxymethyl-propyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 153),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-*N*-(2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoro-propyl)-benzamide (compound 154),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(3-hydroxy-propyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 155),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxy-1,1-dimethyl-ethyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 156),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxy-1-hydroxymethyl-1-methyl-ethyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 157),  
{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-acetic acid ethyl ester (compound 158),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(4-hydroxy-butyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 159),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(3-hydroxy-1,1-dimethyl-butyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 160),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-*N*-(3-phenyl-propyl)-benzamide (compound 161),

(R)-3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(1-hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-butyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 162),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-isopropyl-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 164),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-cyclohexyl-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 165),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2,2-difluoro-ethyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 166),

5-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-4-oxo-pentanoic acid methyl ester (compound 167),

*N*-[(2-Carbamoyl-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 168),

(2-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-acetyl-amino)-acetic acid ethyl ester (compound 169),

*N*-Allyl-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 170),

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-*N*-(2-sulfamoyl-ethyl)-benzamide (compound 171),

*N*-(2-Acetylamino-ethyl)-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 172),

4-Chloro-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-benzamide (compound 204),

*N*-(3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl)-3-methoxy-propionamide (compound 241),

*N*-(3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl)-propionamide (compound 242),

*N*-(3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl)-2-(2-methoxy-ethoxy)-acetamide (compound 243),



*N*-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-morpholin-4-yl-propionamide (compound 244),  
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*N*-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-furan-2-yl-propionamide (compound 246),  
*N*-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-2-hydroxy-benzamide (compound 247),  
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Acrylic acid 2-{3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenylcarbamoyl}-ethyl ester (compound 250),  
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1-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-(3-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-urea (compound 263),  
1-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-propyl-urea (compound 264),  
3-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-ureido)-propionic acid ethyl ester (compound 265),  
1-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-cyclohexyl-urea (compound 266),  
1-Allyl-3-{3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-urea (compound 267),  
1-Benzyl-3-{3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-urea (compound 268),  
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1-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-phenyl-urea (compound 270),  
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[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-(4-methyl-3'-trifluoromethoxy-biphenyl-3-yl)-methanone (compound 286),

[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-(3',4',5'-trifluoro-4-methyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-methanone (compound 288),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-(3',4'-dimethoxy-4-methyl-biphenyl-3-yl)-methanone (289),  
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[4-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylamino)-2-nitro-phenyl]-[5-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methanone (Compound 306),  
[4-(2,4-Difluoro-phenylamino)-2-nitro-phenyl]-[5-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methanone (Compound 307),  
[2-Amino-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-[5-(3-hydroxy-propoxy)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methanone (compound 308),  
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(5-Azidomethyl-2-methyl-phenyl)-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-methanone (compound 333),  
(5-Aminomethyl-2-methyl-phenyl)-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-methanone (compound 334),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-(5-hydroxymethyl-2-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone (compound 335),  
Acetic acid 3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methoxy-benzyl ester (compound 336),  
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3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-methoxy-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 338),  
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N-benzyloxy-3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 342),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(4-methoxy-benzyloxy)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 343),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoic acid *N'*,*N'*-dimethyl-hydrazide (compound 344),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-*N*-morpholin-4-yl-benzamide (compound 345),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-hydroxy-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 346),  
4-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(2-hydroxy-ethyl)-3-methyl-benzamide (compound 347),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-[5-(3-hydroxy-propenyl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methanone (compound 348),  
4-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid methyl ester (compound 349),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-furan-2-ylmethyl-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 350),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 351),

2-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-benzoic acid methyl ester (compound 352),  
3-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid methyl ester (compound 353),  
4-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-thiophene-3-carboxylic acid (compound 354),  
2-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-benzoic acid (compound 355),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-*N*-[2-(2-hydroxy-ethylcarbamoyl)-phenyl]-4-methyl-benzamide (compound 356),  
3-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoylamino}-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide (compound 357),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-(5-ethynyl-2-methyl-phenyl)-methanone (compound 362),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoic acid hydrazide (compound 364),  
1-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-benzoyl}-4-ethyl-3-thio semicarbazide (compound 365),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-[5-(5-ethylamino-[1,3,4]thiadiazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methanone (compound 366),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-[2-methyl-5-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)-phenyl]-methanone (compound 367),  
3-{3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methyl-phenyl}-3-oxo-propionic acid ethyl ester (compound 368),  
[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-phenyl]-[5-(4,5-dihydro-oxazol-2-yl)-2-methyl-phenyl]-methanone (compound 369),  
3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluorophenylamino)benzoyl]-4-methylbenzoic acid (Compound 424),  
2-Methylacrylic acid 2-{3-[2-chloro-4-(2,4-difluorophenylamino)benzoyl]-4-methylbenzoylamino}ethyl ester (Compound 425), and

3-[2-Chloro-4-(2,4-difluoro-phenylamino)-benzoyl]-4-methoxy-benzoic acid (compound 437).

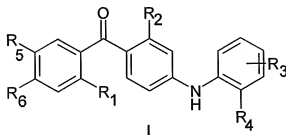
81. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 49 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof together with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle or excipient.

82. (Cancelled)

83. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, treating or ameliorating inflammatory diseases or conditions, or ophthalmic diseases or conditions, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 49, wherein the inflammatory or ophthalmic disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of asthma, allergy, arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, spondyloarthritis, gout, atherosclerosis, chronic inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease, neurological inflammations, inflammatory eye diseases, proliferative and inflammatory skin disorders, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, acne, uveitis, sepsis, septic shock or acne, and osteoporosis.

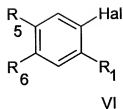
84.-87. (Cancelled)

88. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a compound of general structure I,



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are defined as in claim 49, comprising the steps of  
a) transforming a compound general structure VI,

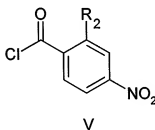




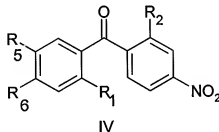
wherein Hal is a halogen, and  $R_1$ ,  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  are defined as in claim 49, each of which are independently protected or unprotected, into an organometallic intermediate;

b) transmetalating said organometallic intermediate to an organozinc intermediate;

c) coupling said organozinc intermediate with an acid halide of general structure V,



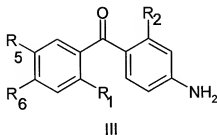
wherein  $R_2$  is defined as in claim 49, protected or unprotected, in the presence of a catalyst to give a compound of general structure IV,



wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  are defined as above, each of which are independently protected or unprotected;

d) optionally transforming, protecting or deprotecting one or more substituents or functional groups of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_5$ , and  $R_6$  of the compound of general structure IV to give another compound of general structure IV;

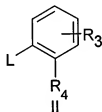
e) reducing the compound of general structure IV from step c) or d) to an amine of general structure III,



wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are defined as above, each of which are independently protected or unprotected;

f) optionally transforming, protecting or deprotecting one or more substituents or functional groups of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> of the compound of general structure III to give another compound of general structure III;

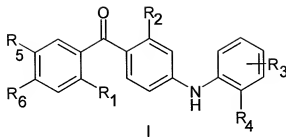
g) coupling of the amine of general structure III from step e) or f) with a compound of general structure II,



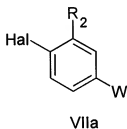
wherein L is triflate or halogen, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are defined in claim 49, each of which are independently protected or unprotected, to give a compound of general structure I, wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are defined as above, each of which are independently protected or unprotected;

h) optionally transforming, protecting or deprotecting one or more substituents or functional groups of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, or R<sub>6</sub> of the compound of general structure I from step g) to give a another compound of general structure I.

89. (Withdrawn) A method for producing a compound of general structure I,

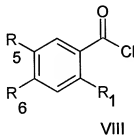


wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are defined as in claim 49, comprising the steps of  
a) transforming a compound general structure VIIa,

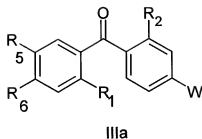


wherein Hal is halogen, W is halogen or triflate, and R<sub>2</sub> is as defined in claim 49, protected or unprotected, into an organometallic intermediate;

- b) transmetalating said organometallic intermediate to an organozinc intermediate;  
c) coupling said organozinc intermediate with an acid halide of general structure VIII,



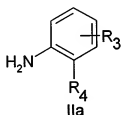
wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are as defined in claim 49, each of which are independently protected or unprotected, in the presence of a catalyst to give a compound of general structure IIIa,



wherein W, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are defined as above, each of which are independently protected or unprotected;

d) optionally transforming, protecting or deprotecting one or more substituents or functional groups of W, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> of the compound of general structure IIIa to give another compound of general structure IIIa;

e) coupling of the compound of general structure IIIa from step c) or d) with an amine of general structure IIa,



wherein R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are defined as in claim 49, each of which are independently protected or unprotected, to give a compound of general structure I,

wherein R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, and R<sub>6</sub> are defined as above, each of which are independently protected or unprotected;

f) optionally transforming, protecting or deprotecting one or more substituents or functional groups of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, or R<sub>6</sub> of the compound of general structure I from step e) to give another compound of general structure I.

90. (Cancelled)

91. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 81 further comprising another active component selected from the group consisting of glucocorticoids, vitamin D analogues, anti-histamines, platelet activating factor (PAF) antagonists, anticholinergic agents, methyl xanthines,  $\beta$ -adrenergic agents, COX-2 inhibitors, salicylates, indomethacin, flufenamate, naproxen, timegadine, gold salts, penicilamine, serum cholesterol reducing agents, retinoids, zinc salts and salicylazosulfapyridin.

92. (Withdrawn) A method of preventing, treating or ameliorating acute macular degeneration or age-related macular degeneration, the method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to claim 49.